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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/717,288	ADAMS ET AL	
	Examiner H. T. Le	Art Unit 1773	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 December 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-271 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-77,79-89,91-138,140,141,143-153,155-246 and 248-271 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 78, 90, 139, 142, 154, 247 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 27 is objected to because of the following informalities: Line 2, "t" appears to be a superfluous character and must be deleted. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 78, 90, 139, 142, 154 and 247 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 78 should be more appropriately dependent on claim 77 instead of claim 41 because claim 77 recites the multiply amphipathic polymer being a "copolymer".

Claim 90 is a substantial duplicate of claim 89.

Claim 139 is substantial duplicate of claim 138.

Claim 142 is improperly dependent on a subsequent claim (claim 143).

Should claim 154 be dependent on claim 153 instead of claim 143?

Should claim 247 be dependent on claim 246 instead of claim 236?

Allowable Subject Matter

3. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed December 2, 2004, claims 1-77, 79-89, 91-138, 140-141, 143-153, 155-246, and 248-271 are allowed.
4. Claims 78, 90, 139, 142, 154, and 247 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Multiple efforts (three separate phone calls and voice messages on three different days) have been tried to reach Applicants' Representative, Attorney Dianne Reed, in order to expedite the allowance of the application by Examiner's Amendment. However, the failure of Applicants' response to these messages has prompted this rejection.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to H. T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-1511. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on 571-272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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